SUBJECT No. 45.

The University Entrance Examination to be the minimum qualification for enrolment as pleaders.

Mr. G. S. Murigappa, Gubbi Taluk.

Mr. G. S. Murigappa.—The University Entrance Examination may be prescribed as the minimum qualification for enrolment as pleaders.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—Old F. A. which was the standard is equivalent to First year B. A.

Dewan.—The Judges are of opinion that it is not possible to reduce the qualification now fixed.

SUBJECT No. 46.

Minimum fees to Lawyers in criminal cases.

Mr. Kanchugar Kalappa, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Mr. Kanchugar Kalappa.—In Civil suits, the fee to be paid to a lawyer is fixed, while it is not so in Criminal cases. Sometimes, a fee of Rs. 100 and more is demanded for minor cases. The poor must either pay this exorbitant fee and get ruined or be prepared to be convicted as they cannot defend themselves. Hence, it is very necessary that a scale should be fixed for criminal cases also.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—In Civil suits, fees are fixed and collected to be paid to the party who succeeds. In Criminal cases, no such contingency arises. Is it on the lawyers' behalf or the parties behalf that you press this?

Mr. Kanchugar Kalappa.—On the lawyers' (meant "Parties" perhaps).

Dewan.—It is not possible to consider this.

SUBJECT No. 47.

Increase of fees of the Standing Counsel.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar, the Law Association, Bangalore.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—The fee now fixed for the Standing Counsel is Rs. 50. This amount is paid on the recommendation of the Sessions Judge. Mysore is divided into three divisions and a register is maintained in each of these divisions. If one lawyer refuses to take up a case, another in the list is asked to take up the case. The object of Government in enforcing such a register is to select the best man possible to defend such cases. Sometimes, these Criminal cases are dragged on for a number of days and the records that are to be gone through are enormous. Under these circumstances the fee now fixed is inadequate. The system of paying two Mohurs each day which is adopted in the Cantonment Courts may be brought into force in our Courts also in consideration of the importance of the criminal cases that the Standing Counsel has to conduct.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—Have you been a Standing Counsel?

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—Yes.

Mr. Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar.—Then, capable lawyers are available for the remuneration paid.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar.—It is not a question of money, but of prestige. Two Gold mohurs = Rs. 32. looks decent.

Dewan.—The subject is noted for consideration.